## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A bicycle crank arm apparatus comprising:

an axle having a first end portion and a second end portion, wherein the first end portion has an outer peripheral surface and a threaded inner peripheral surface;

an axle bolt having a threaded outer peripheral surface screwed into the threaded inner peripheral surface of the first end portion of the axle;

a crank arm having an axle mounting boss defining an opening for receiving the first end portion of the axle therein, wherein the axle mounting boss includes a first fastener for tightening the crank arm mounting boss around the first end portion of the axle; and wherein the axle mounting boss is positioned axially inwardly of the axle bolt.

- 2. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the axle mounting boss includes a first mounting ear in close proximity to a second mounting ear, wherein the first fastener couples the first mounting ear to the second mounting ear.
- 3. The apparatus according to claim 2 wherein the first fastener tightens the first mounting ear towards the second mounting ear.
- 4. The apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the first mounting ear includes a first fastener opening, wherein the second mounting ear includes a second fastener opening, and wherein the first fastener is disposed in both the first fastener opening and the second fastener opening.
- 5. The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the second fastener opening has a threaded inner peripheral surface, and wherein the first fastener comprises a first crank arm bolt that extends through the first fastener opening and screws into the second fastener opening.
- 6. The apparatus according to claim 5 wherein the first crank arm bolt includes a first bolt head that abuts against the first mounting ear.

- 7. The apparatus according to claim 6 wherein the first fastener opening is unthreaded.
- 8. The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the second mounting ear includes a third fastener opening, wherein the first mounting ear includes a fourth fastener opening, and further comprising a second fastener disposed in both the third fastener opening and the fourth fastener opening.
- 9. The apparatus according to claim 8 wherein the second fastener opening has a threaded inner peripheral surface, wherein the fourth fastener opening has a threaded inner peripheral surface, wherein the first fastener comprises a first crank arm bolt that extends through the first fastener opening and screws into the second fastener opening, and wherein the second fastener comprises a second crank arm bolt that extends through the third fastener opening and screws into the fourth fastener opening.
- 10. The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the first crank arm bolt includes a first bolt head that abuts against the first mounting ear, and wherein the second crank arm bolt includes a second bolt head that abuts against the second mounting ear.
- 11. The apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the first fastener opening is unthreaded, and wherein the third fastener opening is unthreaded.
  - 12. An axle bolt comprising:
- a bolt body having a threaded outer peripheral surface and an inner peripheral surface defining an opening;
- a plurality of splines circumferentially disposed on the inner peripheral surface of the bolt body; and
  - a flange extending radially outwardly from the bolt body.
- 13. The bolt according to claim 12 wherein the flange is positioned at an end of the bolt body.

- 14. The bolt according to claim 13 wherein the plurality of splines are positioned at the end of the bolt body.
- 15. The bolt according to claim 14 wherein the flange has a knurled outer peripheral surface.
- 16. The bolt according to claim 15 wherein each of the plurality of splines comprises an arcuate projection.
  - 17. The bolt according to claim 16 wherein there is exactly eight splines.
- 18. The bolt according to claim 12 wherein the plurality of splines are positioned at an end of the bolt body.
- 19. The bolt according to claim 12 wherein the flange has a knurled outer peripheral surface.
  - 20. The bolt according to claim 12 wherein there is exactly eight splines.
- 21. The bolt according to claim 12 wherein each of the plurality of splines comprises an arcuate projection.
  - 22. A tool for an axle bolt comprising:
  - a tool body;
- a plurality of splines circumferentially disposed on and extending radially outwardly from the tool body; and
  - a tool operating member extending radially outwardly from the tool body.
- 23. The tool according to claim 22 wherein the tool operating member has a disk shape.

- 24. The tool according to claim 23 wherein the tool body extends from a side surface of the tool operating member.
- 25. The tool according to claim 24 wherein the tool operating member includes a knurled outer peripheral surface.
- 26. The tool according to claim 24 wherein the tool operating member includes a gripping rim extending from a side surface thereof.
- 27. The tool according to claim 26 wherein the gripping rim is disposed at a radially outermost portion of the tool operating member.
- 28. The tool according to claim 27 wherein the tool body extends from a first side surface of the tool operating member, and wherein the gripping rim extends from an opposite second side surface of the tool operating member.
- 29. The tool according to claim 28 wherein the gripping rim has a knurled outer peripheral surface.
  - 30. The tool according to claim 29 wherein there is exactly eight splines.
  - 31. A crank arm comprising:

a crank arm body having an axle mounting boss on a first end and a pedal mounting boss on a second end;

wherein the axle mounting boss defines an opening for receiving an axle therein; wherein the axle mounting boss includes a first mounting ear in close proximity to a second mounting ear;

wherein the first mounting ear includes a first fastener opening; wherein the second mounting ear includes a second fastener opening; wherein the first mounting ear includes a third fastener opening in close proximity to the first fastener opening; and

wherein the second mounting ear includes a fourth fastener opening disposed in close proximity to the second fastener opening.

- 32. The apparatus according to claim 31 wherein the second fastener opening has a threaded inner peripheral surface, and wherein the fourth fastener opening has a threaded inner peripheral surface.
- 33. The apparatus according to claim 32 wherein the first fastener opening is unthreaded, and wherein the third fastener opening is unthreaded.

## 34. A bicycle crank arm apparatus comprising:

an axle having a first end portion and a second end portion, wherein the first end portion has an outer peripheral surface and a threaded inner peripheral surface;

an axle bolt having a threaded outer peripheral surface screwed into the threaded inner peripheral surface of the first end portion of the axle;

a crank arm having an axle mounting boss defining an opening for receiving the first end portion of the axle therein, wherein the axle mounting boss includes a first mounting ear in close proximity to a second mounting ear; and

wherein the crank arm boss is positioned axially inwardly of the axle bolt.